

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment, claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13-16, and 18-26 are pending in the application. No claims are amended, cancelled, or added. In view of these amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims pending in the application are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20-23, 25 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,664,127 issued to Anderson *et al.* (“Anderson”). Claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 24-26 have also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,097,391 issued to Wilcox (“Wilcox”). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections because neither Anderson nor Wilcox disclose all of the features of the claims.

Claims 1, 6, 11, 16, and 21

Claim 1 includes, *inter alia*, the features of “the table having one or more user selectable table portions” and “a graphics presentation module that presents one or more graphical portions in the graphical user interface, wherein a user assigns the one or more user selectable table portions to at least one of the one or more graphical portions.” At least these features are not disclosed by either Anderson or Wilcox.

Anderson apparently discloses dragging and dropping of a block of cells from one page (or sheet) to another page (or sheet) of a notebook (See col. 9, lines 53-54, col. 10, lines 14-26, col. 10, lines 38-49, col. 17, lines 1-17). These operations are not the same as Applicants’ assigning a selected table portion to a graphical portion as set forth in claim 1. Thus, for at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that Anderson does not disclose the features of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw his rejection of claim 1 based on Anderson.

Similarly, Wilcox apparently discloses operations such as moving data objects between tabbed pages of a notebook, dragging a data object from one pre-assigned page (i.e., a page exists as an already assigned page to a tab or an icon) of a notebook and dropping into another tab (i.e., Zframe) of a pre-assigned page, etc (See col. 9, lines 53-54, col. 10, lines 14-26, col. 10, lines 38-49, col. 17, lines 1-17). Again, these operations are not the same as Applicants' assigning a selected table portion to a graphical portion as set forth in claim 1. Thus, for at least these foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that Wilcox does not disclose the features of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw his rejection of claim 1 based on Wilcox.

Claims 6, 11, 16, and 21 each include features similar to those recited in claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants submit that these claims are also patentable over both Anderson and Wilcox for at least the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1.

Claims 3, 5, 8, 10, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, and 23

Claims 3, 5, 8, 10, 13-15, 18-20, 22, and 23 depend from and add additional features to one of independent claims 1, 6, 11, 16, and 21. For at least the reasons set forth above, these dependent claims are patentable over the references relied upon by the Examiner.

Claim 24

Claim 24 includes, *inter alia*, the features of “the table including one or more sheets, each of the one or more sheets including a tab for navigating among the one or more sheets, the table having a plurality of table portions” and “enabling a user to assign a user-selectable graphics portion to the selected one or more of the table portions, wherein the user selectable graphics portion is other than the tabs for navigating among the one or more sheets.” At least these features are not disclosed by Wilcox.

Applicants submit that claim 24 specifically recites tabs for navigating (such as those disclosed in Wilcox) and graphics portions other than these tabs. Wilcox does not

teach both tabs for navigating and graphics portions as set forth in claim 24.

Accordingly, for at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw his rejection of claim 24.

Claim 25

Claim 25 includes, *inter alia*, the features of “the table including one or more sheets, each of the one or more sheets including a tab for navigating among the one or more sheets, the table having a plurality of table portions” and “enabling a user to assign a user-selectable graphics portion to the selected two or more of the discontinuous table portions.” Wilcox does not teach both graphics portions and tabs for navigating as set forth above with regard to claim 24. Further Wilcox does not disclose assigning discontinuous table portions to a graphics portion. Accordingly, for at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw his rejection of claim 25.

Claim 26

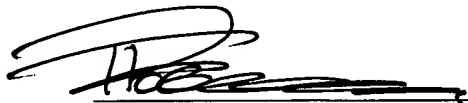
Claim 26 includes, *inter alia*, the features of “the table including a plurality of table portions on a single sheet” “enabling a user to select two or more discontinuous table portions of the plurality of table portions on the single sheet,” and “enabling a user to assign a user-selectable graphics portions to the selected two or more of the discontinuous table portions.” Neither Anderson nor Wilcox disclose assigning two or more discontinuous table portions on the single sheet to a graphics portion. Accordingly, for at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw his rejection of claim 26.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference or interview would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the undersigned stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

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